

to save it, we must agree on one basic truth: that the other side is not the enemy. The enemy is the stubbornness of our own biases.

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The enemy is a political system that seeks to divide us for sport. Let's fight that and not each other. Our country is facing some serious issues right now, and our country will be much better served if Democrats and Republicans can come together.

My grandfather always told me that you can get through about any problem if you actually sit down with somebody and have a beer together. I have been trying to work with people since the first day I got here. I won't ever stop reaching across the aisle or trying to work with one another or sitting down and having a beer and listening to each other.

For the betterment of this country, we have to come together. We have to sit down, listen to each other, and maybe even have a beer.

In the spirit of bipartisanship and cooperation, I raise this glass to my colleagues, both Democrats and Republicans.

#### WARNINGS FROM BIPARTISAN COMMISSION ON FEDERAL ELECTION REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, this is my eighth speech in a series on voter fraud, election theft, and the Presidential election.

There are three major flaws in America's elections that socialist Democrats exploit to steal elections.

First, voting by illegal aliens and other noncitizens is rampant because socialist Democrats made it illegal to require proof of citizenship when illegal aliens and other noncitizens demand to be registered to vote. In 2020, hundreds of thousands, and more likely millions, of illegal aliens and other noncitizens legally voted for Joe Biden after he promised them amnesty and citizenship if he is elected President.

Second, vote-by-mail schemes are both horribly prone to voter fraud and are illegal because they violate Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution and Congress' ensuing designation, with minor exceptions, of one 24-hour day as the election day during which citizens can vote. Yet, in 2020, socialist Democrats foisted vote-by-mail schemes on America in order to more easily engage in voter fraud and election theft.

Third, the lack of photo ID requirements makes it easier for paid socialist Democrat election thieves to steal elections with voter impersonators. While socialist Democrats and the fake news media repeatedly and falsely claim there was no voter fraud in 2020, what is most startling is this: America was warned 15 years ago that this would happen.

In 2005, a bipartisan Commission on Federal Election Reform co-chaired by Democrat President Jimmy Carter and Reagan White House Chief of Staff James Baker issued a 105-page report specifically warning about the very same systemic flaws the socialist Democrats used in 2020 to steal elections. The commission report warns: "Elections are the heart of democracy. If elections are defective, the entire democratic system is at risk."

Concerning noncitizen voting, the commission warned of a growing non-citizen voting threat, citing 784 noncitizen votes in a contested California congressional race. The commission recommended that "all States should use their best efforts to obtain proof of citizenship before registering voters."

Of course, that means repealing the socialist Democrat law that makes it illegal for voter registrars to require proof of citizenship when illegal aliens and other noncitizens demand to be registered to vote.

Concerning vote-by-mail schemes, the commission warned that vote by mail is "likely to increase the risks of fraud and of contested elections," adding that it remains "the largest source of potential voter fraud" because it is "vulnerable to abuse in several ways. Blank ballots mailed to the wrong address or to large residential buildings might get intercepted. . . . Vote buying schemes are far more difficult to detect when citizens vote by mail."

The commission recommended minimizing voting by mail.

On voter ID, the commission warned that the lack of photo ID opens the door to voter fraud and strongly recommended a photo ID requirement for voters, noting that "photo IDs currently are needed to board a plane, enter Federal buildings, and cash a check. Voting is equally important," and that "voters in nearly 100 democracies use a photo identification card without fear of infringement on their rights."

The commission recommended that "citizens should identify themselves as the correct person on the registration list when they vote." The problem "is not the magnitude of the fraud. In close or disputed elections, and there are many, a small amount of fraud could make the margin of difference."

How prophetic.

Mr. Speaker, America's republic is only as good as its election system. On January 6, 2021, I have a choice. I can ignore truth, surrender to socialism, and accept electoral college submissions from States with election systems so badly flawed as to render their vote submissions unreliable, untrustworthy, and unworthy of acceptance. Or I can fight for America and move to reject them.

I can't speak for anyone else, but as for me, MO BROOKS from Alabama's Fifth Congressional District, I choose to fight for America.

#### HONORING VICKI WAGNER MANSFIELD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and the ray of light that was Vicki Wagner Mansfield, a resident of Troy, Michigan, who passed away last month after a 2-year battle with brain cancer.

Vicki, simply put, was a pillar of our community, known and beloved by many. She was raised in Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and she moved to Troy with her husband, Bruce, in 1985 to raise their family.

Her memory is carried forward by her beloved Bruce; her two amazing daughters, Abbey and Rachel; and her delightful grandson, Hank.

Vicki was known as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, friend, and aunt. She is celebrated in our community for her artistic creativity, that forthrightness, her fierce loyalty, and the contributions that she made as an active volunteer in our community.

Vicki was a mother's mother. She was active in PTA, school events, and political activities, always with the goal of: How do I make this world a better place?

So many former students through the Birmingham school system have stood up to say how much Vicki meant to them, how involved she was as a parent with the Girl Scouts or in a play that she did. It was always because she cared about the outcomes of their lives.

Vicki took the time in some of the remaining days that she had to message me to say—not with a complaint or with a question—how much she cared about the work that we do in the Congress, to pass along to those who are in elected office a note of gratitude and thanks to say keep going, keep giving it all you can.

That is certainly something that Vicki did every day of her life.

Her passing is also a stark reminder of our work ahead to improve the research and treatment of cancer in this country. Glioblastoma is a common and aggressive brain cancer with an unfortunately high mortality rate. A strong Federal investment is essential to improve our understanding and care of this tragic disease and for the providers like those at the Henry Ford Medical Center and what they rely on for good research.

I carry Vicki's light like a torch in the fight for increased funding for cancer research. As we inch toward this deadline to fund our government, I continue to urge and work with my colleagues to join me in supporting robust brain cancer research funding at the NIH and DOD to continue this life-saving work. We cannot let those suffering from brain cancer and their families fail.